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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is made to recite the priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 in the first section of the application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.



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Your Reference No.: VIB-03-KG

Dear Johan:

In reviewing the file before payment of the issue fee, we noticed that the Examiner had not acknowledged the priority claim and that the application only listed the PCT application in the first paragraph of the application. We filed an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 in order to clarify Applicants' intent to claim priority to the two EP applications. This amendment was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office today. Enclosed is a copy for your records.

We will continue to keep you advised as further developments occur. If you have any questions or wish additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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